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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PDIP, PLO, GV

SUBJECT: INFORMATION ON PALESTINIAN REPRESENTATION: GUINEA

REF: STATE 091578

(A) PLO IS REPRESENTED IN GUINEA BY OVERT, NON-TERRORIST
QUASI-DIPLOMATIC OFFICE.

(B) PLO OFFICE, HEADED BY RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE, WAS ESTABLISHED
IN LATE 1973. ABOU FAHED, PERMREP SINCE 1973, HAS BEEN REASSIGNED
TO SOUTH AMERICA AND DEPARTED IN EARLY APRIL 1978. HE WILL
PROBABLY BE REPLACED. OFFICE ALSO INCLUDES AN ASSISTANT PERMANENT
REPRESENTATIVE ABOU MOHAMED AND AN "ATTACHE" CLERK HAITHAM
EL-BOURNO. GOVERNMENT OF GUINEA TACITLY ACCORDS OFFICE STATUS OF
"NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENT ACCREDITED TO REPUBLIC OF GUINEA".
ACTIVITIES HAVE BEEN PEACEFUL: MAKING DEMARCHES TO GOG
ON BEHALF OF PLO POSITIONS, DISTRIBUTING PLO PROPAGANDA,
SEEKING INFLUENCE AMONG LOCAL LEBANESE. THERE ARE NO
INFORMATION-TYPE OFFICES OR REPRESENTATIVES WORKING
UNDER COVER OF ARAB LEAGUE OR EMBASSIES.

(C) TO EMBASSY'S KNOWLEDGE, PLO'S COMPONENT ELEMENTS OR
OTHER PALESTINIAN ORGANIZATIONS ARE NOT RECOGNIZED OR
REPRESENTED BY HOST GOVERNMENT.

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(D) PLO PERMREP ATTENDS SUCH DIPLOMATIC EVENTS AS RECEPTIONS
AND AIRPORT ARRIVAL-DEPARTURES OF HEADS OF STATE. ONE
SOURCE OF UNCONFIRMED RELIABILITY STATES THAT PERMREP
POSSESSES COURTESY GUINEAN DIPLOMATIC PASSPORT. NO PLO
CREDENTIALS HAVE EVER BEEN PRESENTED TO GOG. MOST OF PERMREP'S
QUASI-DIPLOMATIC PERQUISITES HAVE BEEN OBTAINED THROUGH

HIS OWN PUSHINESS AND DEFAULT OF MFA PROTOCOL.

(E) PLO ALSO OPERATES A SMALL FARM ON A FORMER PLANTATION
SOME 60 KMS. FROM CONAKRY. USUALLY SIX-TEN PLO NON-
DIPLOMATS HAVE BEEN IN EVIDENCE WORKING ON FARM. PRO-
DUCE HELPS PAY FOR PLO'S EXPENSES IN GUINEA.
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